



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024, 6:00PM  
ABITA SPRINGS TOWN HALL  
22161 LEVEL ST., ABITA SPRINGS, LA 70420**

Posted: April 1, 2024 4pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Curtis  
INVOCATION: Alderman Contois  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Boudreaux

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Upcoming Events - Project Updates – Town Marshal Report

**ROLL CALL:**

Call for Agenda Modifications  
Accept March 5, 2024, Town Council Meeting Minutes  
Presentation - February Financials

**CHAIRMAN UPDATES**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1.) DISCUSSION: Amending Code of Ordinances, Part 4, Chapter 6, related to Public Amusements
- 2.) DISCUSSION: Define criteria to determine what it means to state that a public street right of way is “no longer necessary for public use and will not be necessary for the public use in the foreseeable future.”

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO AMEND THE 2024 BUDGET (INSTRUMENT 2023-005, SECTION IV, LINES 21 TO 24)

**OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT (985) 892-0711.  
PLEASE CONTACT TOWN HALL AT THE SAME NUMBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS AGENDA.

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## CHAPTER 6. PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

### Sec. 4-601. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, a "*public amusement*" is defined to include any dance hall, amusement park, public swimming pool, circus show, or music festival, as defined in this section:

*Amusement park* shall mean any place commonly known as an amusement park, amusement ground or amusement center where swimming, dancing, games, exhibits, or shows are carried on, conducted or allowed whether an admission fee is charged or not; provided that beer, wine or liquor is not sold, kept, provided or given away in connection with such amusement park;

*Circus show* shall mean all sideshows, circuses, traveling shows, animal shows, traveling carnivals, traveling or moving tent shows, exhibitions, temporary theaters or itinerant playhouses. Excluded from the definition of "circus show" shall be motion picture theaters, playhouses being operated in a permanent structure, or the annual parish fair;

*Dance hall* shall mean any place wherein dances are given, operated, conducted or permitted as a business enterprise, occupation or amusement whether or not music is provided by paid or amateur performers or by pre-recorded means. Excluded from this definition are dances conducted by any nonprofit or charitable organization if the net profit from the dance does not accrue to the private profit of any person or persons;

*Music festivals* shall mean any outdoor festival, carnival, dance or like musical activity, whether or not music is provided by paid or amateur performers or by pre-recorded means, which is of a periodic nature and to which members of the public are admitted for a charge, whether or not the charge is directly or indirectly made.

*Public swimming pool* shall mean a swimming pool to which members of the public are admitted for a charge, whether or not said charge is made directly or indirectly. Excluded from the definition of "public swimming pool" shall be those swimming pools constructed on the business premises of motels, which pools serve exclusively the registered guests of said motel, or swimming pools operated by or for any municipalities or recreation districts;

(Ord. No. 90, § 1, 7-1-75)

### Sec. 4-602. License required.

Any person wishing to operate, maintain, or conduct a public amusement as defined in section 4-601 of this Code within the boundaries of the town must first obtain a license to do so. No license shall be issued, however, until all conditions required have been met and fulfilled.

(Ord. No. 90, § 2, 7-1-75)

### Sec. 4-603. Written application to the town.

Any person desiring to operate a public amusement shall file a written application, consisting of an original and five copies with the town clerk which shall contain the following facts and information:

- (1) The name, age, residence and mailing address of the person making the application. If the application is made by a partnership, the names and addresses of the partners must appear. Where the applicant is a corporation, the application must be signed by the president, vice president, and secretary thereof,

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must contain the addresses of the corporate officers, and a certified copy of the articles of incorporation shall be submitted with the application;

- (2) A statement of the kind, character, or type of public amusement, as defined in section 4-601 of this Code, which the applicant proposes to conduct, operate or carry on;
- (3) The address or legal description of the place or premises where the proposed public amusement is to be conducted, operated or carried on. Additionally, the applicant must submit proof of ownership of the place where the public amusement is to be conducted or a statement signed by the owner of the premises indicating his consent to the site being used for the proposed amusement;
- (4) The number of days for which the license is sought. A license granted pursuant to this chapter authorizes the conduct of a public amusement for a maximum of 365 days and must thereafter be renewed;
- (5) An estimate of the number of customers, spectators, participants and other persons expected to attend the public amusement for each day it is conducted.

(Ord. No. 90, § 3, 7-1-75)

#### **Sec. 4-604. Filing fees.**

The town clerk shall collect from the applicant a filing fee in an amount to be established by resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, which shall be nonrefundable.

(Ord. No. 391, 9-20-2011)

#### **Sec. 4-605. Transmittal of application; hearing; issuance of license.**

- (a) Upon receipt of the application, the town clerk shall file the original application and distribute one copy thereof to the police chief, the parish health officer, the director of the department of public works, the town attorney, the district attorney, and the mayor and board of aldermen.
- (b) The town clerk shall set the matter for public hearing at a regular meeting of the town which shall be not later than 60 days from the date of the filing of the application. Ten days' written notice of the date of such hearing shall be given to the applicant and to the town's departments receiving a copy of the application.
- (c) The board of aldermen, based upon the reports of the interested town departments, the testimony of witnesses and evidence presented at the hearing, shall grant the application, deny the application, or set conditions which must be met before a license may be granted.
- (d) Where conditions are imposed pertaining to section 4-612 of this Code, the clerk must certify to the mayor that all conditions have been met before a license may be issued. The clerk shall require written notice from all departments charged with responsibility under section 4-612 of this Code that conditions have been met before issuing the certification.
- (e) When the clerk certifies that conditions have been met, the mayor shall immediately issue a license specifying the name and number of days' operation authorized. The licensee shall keep the license posted in a conspicuous place upon the premises at which the public amusement is conducted.

(Ord. No. 90, § 5, 7-1-75)

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## **Sec. 4-606. Grounds for denial of license; notice.**

After holding the required public hearing, the clerk may deny issuance of a license if it finds any of the following:

- (1) That the applicant fails to meet the conditions imposed in this chapter;
- (2) That the proposed public amusement will be conducted in a manner or location not meeting the health or safety standards established by the ordinances or law of the town, parish or state;
- (3) That the applicant has knowingly made a false, misleading or fraudulent statement of material fact in the application for license, or in any other document required by this chapter;
- (4) That the applicant, his employee, agent, or any person connected or associated with the applicant as partner, director, officer, stockholder, associate, or manager, has previously conducted the type of public amusement being applied for which resulted in the creation of a public or private nuisance;
- (5) That the applicant, his employee, agent or any person associated with the applicant as partner, director, officer, stockholder, associate, or manager has been convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction, by final judgment of:
  - a. An offense involving the presentation, exhibition, or performance of an obscene production, motion picture or play; or of selling obscene matter;
  - b. An offense involving lewd conduct;
  - c. An offense involving the use of force and violence upon the person of another; or
  - d. An offense involving misconduct with children.

Where the application is denied, the clerk shall mail to the applicant written notice of denial within 14 days of the action, which notice shall include a statement of the reasons the application was denied.

(Ord. No. 90, § 6, 7-1-75)

## **Sec. 4-607. License fees.**

The license fees for operating a public amusement are fixed as follows:

- (1) *Dance hall*: The sum of \$100.00 per year, payable in four equal quarterly installments in advance at the rate of \$25.00 per quarter;
- (2) *Amusement park*: The sum of \$100.00 per year, payable in four equal quarterly installments in advance at the rate of \$25.00 per quarter;
- (3) *Public swimming pool*: The sum of \$25.00 per year, payable in four quarterly installments in advance at the rate of \$6.25 per quarter;
- (4) *Circus show*: The sum of \$2,400.00 per year, payable in four equal quarterly installments in advance at the rate of \$600.00 per quarter; provided, however, that a license may be issued on a daily basis, a fee for which is hereby set at \$50.00 per day of operation;
- (5) *Music festival*: The sum of \$4,800.00 per year, payable in four equal quarterly installments in advance at the rate of \$1,200.00 per quarter; provided, however, that a license may be issued on a daily basis, a fee for which is hereby set at \$100.00 per day of operation.

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A neighborhood or community benefit organization, organized for charitable or religious purposes, shall be exempt from paying the license fee provided for in this section if the net proceeds from any such activity do not accrue to the benefit of any private person or persons.

(Ord. No. 90, § 7, 7-1-75)

#### **Sec. 4-608. Renewal of license.**

A license may be renewed upon the same terms, conditions and pursuant to the same procedures required in this chapter for the issuance of a license.

(Ord. No. 90, § 8, 7-1-75)

#### **Sec. 4-609. Revocation of license.**

The town clerk shall have the power to revoke any license, or to revoke and reinstate any license upon suitable conditions, when the following causes exist:

- (1) The licensee fails, neglects or refuses to pay the tax collector the fees prescribed by sections 4-604 or 4-607 of this Code;
- (2) The licensee, his employee or agent, fails, neglects or refuses to fulfill any or all of the conditions imposed with reference to this chapter;
- (3) The public amusement violates any law or regulation established by the ordinances or laws of the town, parish or the state;
- (4) The licensee allows the public amusement to be conducted in a disorderly manner or knowingly allows any person to remain on the premises of the public amusement while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or any narcotic or dangerous drug; or
- (5) The licensee, his employee or agent, is convicted of any of the offenses enumerated under section 4-606 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 90, § 9, 7-1-75)

#### **Sec. 4-610. Complaints.**

Any person may file a complaint with the town clerk or may petition the town to conduct a hearing concerning revocation of the license of any licensee. The clerk of the town shall give notice of the petition for hearing in accordance with the provisions of section 4-611 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 90, § 10, 7-1-75)

#### **Sec. 4-611. Notice of intent to revoke; hearing.**

Notice of intent to revoke any license shall be given and the licensee shall be entitled to a hearing. The clerk of the town shall give notice, setting forth the causes for revocation and shall state the time and place at which the matter of revocation shall be heard before the mayor and the board of aldermen of the town. The notice shall be mailed to the licensee at the address listed on his application and license not later than ten days prior to the date set for hearing. The town shall hear all interested parties and may revoke a license only for one or more causes enumerated by section 4-609 of this Code.

**Sec. 4-612. Conditions.**

- (a) At the hearing required under section 4-605 of this Code, the town may establish conditions which must be met prior to the issuance of any license under this chapter; except that the board of aldermen may take a matter under submission before determining which conditions shall be imposed. Where the board takes a matter under submission, written notice of any conditions imposed as prerequisite to the issuance of a license must be mailed to the applicant within 15 days of the original hearing.
- (b) The conditions which may be imposed by the town regarding the town's general police power for the protection of health, safety and property of local residents and persons attending public amusements in the town are as follows:
  - (1) *Police protection:*
    - a. Every licensee shall employ at his own expense at least one private patrol officer or guard, approved by the police chief of the town, whose duty shall be the preservation of order and protection of property in and around the place of public amusement;
    - b. In the case of public amusements expected to attract large numbers of persons, provision for additional private patrol officers and security guards shall be required. One patrol officer or security guard for every 300 persons expected to be in attendance shall be required;
    - c. Private patrol officers may be required to be licensed and to be in attendance, wearing uniforms, at all times the public amusement is in operation. Where the police chief authorizes the employment of off-duty town police officers to meet the requirements of this section, the police officers shall be under the direction and control of the police chief of the town. The chief of police must be satisfied that the requisite number of private patrol officers or guards will be provided at all times of operation, before a license is issued. Submittal by the applicant of a written agreement between the applicant and a licensed private patrol agency may be required.
  - (2) *Water facilities:*
    - a. Every licensee shall provide an ample supply of water for drinking and sanitation purposes on the premises of the public amusement. Quality and quantity of water and location of facilities must be approved by the parish health officer prior to the issuance of a license;
    - b. In case of outdoor public amusements, a supply of ten gallons of water for each person expected to be in attendance may be required. All water shall meet U.S. Public Health Service standards. Public or private lavatories and drinking facilities may be required. Drainage and sewerage systems relating to such facilities shall be adequate to the satisfaction of the parish health officer and shall be subject to his prior approval.
  - (3) *Food concessions:* In the case of public amusements proposed to be held in areas located a substantial distance from markets, restaurants or like eating establishments, applicant may be required to demonstrate that food will be available at the premises for each day of operation to adequately feed the number of persons expected to be in attendance. Concessionaires must be licensed pursuant to local regulation and state laws. Quality and quantity of food and location of concessions must be approved by the parish health officer prior to the issuance of any license;
  - (4) *Sanitation facilities:*

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- a. Every licensee must provide at least one closed toilet facility marked "MEN" and one such facility marked "WOMEN" on the premises of a public amusement. If large crowds are expected, a toilet for each 40 males and for each 40 females expected to be in attendance may be required.
  - b. Where flush-type toilets cannot be made available, the board may consent to the use of portable chemical toilets. The chemical toilets must meet the approval of the parish health officer before any license may be issued. Chemical toilets must be emptied at licensee's expense as necessary and according to procedures established by the parish health officer.
  - c. Every licensee shall be required to furnish at least one trash can with 32 gallons capacity for every 25 persons expected to be in attendance. Proof that the requisite quantity of trash and refuse receptacles will be available must be made to the parish health officer.
  - d. Trash and refuse shall be emptied at licensee's expense as necessary and pursuant to procedures established by the parish health officer.
- (5) *Medical facilities:*
- a. Where a proposed public amusement is expected to attract large numbers of persons and is planned for a site which is located a substantial distance from existing medical treatment facilities, the applicant may be required to provide emergency medical treatment facilities on the premises of the public amusement. The location of the facilities, number of doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses or other aides needed to staff the facilities and the quantity of medical supplies, drugs, ambulances and other equipment that must be on the site, must be approved by the parish health officer prior to the issuance of any license under this chapter;
  - b. The parish health officer shall calculate the need for medical services, based on the number of persons expected to attend a public amusement, their expected age group, the duration of events planned and the possibility of exposure to inclement weather and outdoor elements.
- (6) *Parking areas:*
- a. Persons desiring to operate or conduct public amusements may be called upon to provide a separate parking space for every two persons expected to attend the public amusement by motor vehicle. The individual parking spaces shall be clearly marked and shall be not less than nine feet wide and 20 feet long.
  - b. The town must approve an applicant's "parking plan" before a license shall be issued.
- (7) *Access and parking control:*
- a. Every licensee shall provide adequate entrance and exit to the public amusement premises and parking areas therefore. Necessary roads, driveways and entranceways shall exist to insure orderly flow of traffic into the premises from a highway or road which is a part of the parish system of highways or which is a highway maintained by the state. The police chief of the town must approve the licensee's plan for entrance and exit before a license shall be issued.
  - b. The applicant may be required to show that traffic guards are under his employ to insure orderly traffic movement and relieve traffic congestion in the vicinity of the public amusement area.
- (8) *Hours of operation:* All public amusements which are subject to license under this chapter shall close and cease operation continuously between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of each and every day.
- (9) *Illumination:*
- a. Every licensee planning to conduct a public amusement after dark, or planning to allow persons who attend the public amusement to remain on the premises after dark, shall provide electrical

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illumination to insure that those areas which are occupied are lighted at all times. The board of aldermen and the mayor must approve an applicant's lighting plan as a prerequisite to issuance of the license.

- b. A licensee may be required to illuminate specific areas on the premises in accordance with the following scale of lighting intensity:

*Open areas reserved for spectations:* 5 to 10 foot candles;

*Town areas:* 75 to 100 foot candles;

*Parking and overnight areas:* 1 to 5 foot candles;

*Restrooms and concession areas:* 20 to 50 foot candles.

- (10) *Overnight camping facilities:* Every licensee authorized to allow persons who attend the public amusement to remain on the premises overnight shall provide camping facilities and overnight areas. Such areas and facilities must be approved by the parish health officer and the town prior to the issuance of any license.

- (11) *Bonds:*

- a. Any licensee may be called upon to post an indemnity bond, a performance bond or certificate of insurance in favor of the town in connection with the operation of a public amusement. Bonds required by this section must be approved by the town board prior to issuance of a license.
- b. An applicant may be required to submit a surety bond or certificate of insurance written by a company authorized to do business in the state by the Department of Insurance in an amount determined by the town. The bond or insurance shall indemnify the town or pay on its behalf, and protect the town, its agents, officers, servants, or employees, against any and all loss, injury or damage of any nature whatsoever arising out of, or in any way connected with the public amusement and shall indemnify against loss, injury, damage to both person and property.
- c. An applicant may be required to provide a corporate surety bond written by a corporate bonding company, authorized to do business in the state, indemnifying the town and the owners of property adjoining the public amusement site for any costs necessitated for cleaning up or removing debris, trash, or other waste from, in, and around the premises. The bond shall be in an amount determined by the town.

- (12) *Miscellaneous:* An applicant may be required to meet any other condition prior to receiving a license to conduct a public amusement which is reasonably calculated as necessary to protect the health, welfare and property of local residents and persons attending a public amusement.

(Ord. No. 90, § 12, 7-1-75)

### **Sec. 4-613. Violations and penalty.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, corporation, or unincorporated association, acting alone or in concert with any of the foregoing, to do any of the following:
- (1) Operate a public amusement without first procuring a license to do so;
  - (2) Advertise, or otherwise publicly announce, that a public amusement will be held in the town without a license first having been received for the conduct of the public amusement;
  - (3) Provide entertainment at a public amusement, whether or not compensation is paid for the performance of said entertainment, with the knowledge that a license has not been obtained;



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- (4) Operate, conduct or carry on any public amusement in such a manner as to create a public or private nuisance; or
  - (5) Exhibit, show or conduct within a place of public amusement any obscene, indecent, vulgar or lewd exhibition, show, play, entertainment or exhibit, no matter by what name designated.
- (b) The town may, upon conviction, fine or imprison any person, partnership, corporation or unincorporated association for any violation of this chapter. The fine shall be as established in section 1-108.
- (Ord. No. 90, § 13, 7-1-75; Ord. No. 392, 9-20-2011)

**Secs. 4-614—4-700. Reserved.**

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**Sec. 9-127. Action of planning commission required; revocation, exchange, public sale or private sale of public street rights-of-way.**

Prior to any action taken by Abita Springs Board of Aldermen with regard to the revocation, exchange, public sale, or private sale of any public street right-of-way, to any individual, such must be approved by the Planning Commission of the Town of Abita Springs.

Such approval must be done at a meeting of the planning commission after being advertised in the same manner as required for the application for a variance.

(Ord. No. 244, 3-19-02)

**Sec. 9-128. Criteria for the determination of revocations, exchange public sale or private sale of public street right-of-way.**

In order to approve the revocation, exchange, public sale or private sale of public street rights-of-way the planning commissions must determine that the right-of-way is no longer necessary for public use and will not be necessary for the public use in the foreseeable future.

Additionally it must be determined that the denial by the town for the revocation, public sale, private sale or exchange of the street right-of-way will cause the adjacent property owner unusual and practical difficulties of particular hardship, but only when the zoning commission is satisfied that the granting of such action will not merely serve as a convenience to the adjacent property owner, but will alleviate some demonstrable and unusual hardship or difficulty so great as to warrant the disposal of public property and at the same time the surrounding property will be protected. Additionally the action taken in the revocation, public sale, private sale or exchange of property must resolve and settle all claims which the adjacent property owner may have against the Town of Abita Springs.

(Ord. No. 244, 3-19-02)

**Sec. 9-129. Action by the planning commission.**

After a public hearing held on the matter the planning commission within 60 days of application for revocation, public sale, private sale or exchange shall recommend to the board of aldermen the following:

- (1) Accept the application as presented.
- (2) Accept the application with the recommendation for either a revocation, public sale, private sale, or exchange of the street right-of-way.
- (3) A recommendation of partial disposition of the street right-of-way by any method provided for herein.
- (4) Recommended the disposition of the street right-of-way, in whole or in part, by any method provided for with the retention of servitudes, which servitudes shall be defined.
- (5) Deny the application for the disposition and recommend no action to be taken by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs.

(Ord. No. 244, 3-19-02)

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**Sec. 9-130. Referral of recommendation to the board of aldermen.**

Within ten days of action taken by the planning commission, the Secretary of the Abita Springs Planning Commission shall forward to the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Abita Springs the recommendation of the planning commission on the application for the revocation, public sale, or exchange of public street right-of-way. At the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the board of aldermen, an ordinance shall be introduced by the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Abita Springs that shall conform to the recommendation of the planning commission. Should the planning commission recommend denial, no ordinance need be introduced.

Such ordinance introduced shall be considered at the subsequently regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs.

(Ord. No. 244, 3-19-02)

**Sec. 9-131. Notification to adjacent property owners.**

All property owners which are adjacent to that portion of a public street right-of-way, which right-of-way or any rights thereto has been recommended for disposal by the planning commission to the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, shall be notified by registered mail. Such registered mail shall be sent no sooner than 30 days not later than 15 days of the meeting of the board of aldermen, which will consider such disposition. This notification shall be sent to the record owner of the property which is adjacent to that portion of the street right-of-way sought to be disposed. Certification by the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Abita Springs of such mailing shall be sufficient for the proof thereof.

(Ord. No. 244, 3-19-02)

**Sec. 9-132. Consideration by the board of aldermen.**

Upon consideration of the ordinance introduced, based on the recommendation of the planning commission the board of aldermen may:

- (1) Adopt as proposed;
- (2) Amended in any fashion; or
- (3) Deny the recommendation of the planning commission.

Such amendment may provide for a smaller disposition of right-of-way and/or the reservation of certain delineated servitudes or a change in the method of the disposition recommended by the planning commission.

(Ord. No. 244, 3-19-02)

**Sec. 9-133. Adjacent property owners rights to purchase.**

In the instance of a private sale of a street right-of-way, all adjacent property owners shall have the right to buy to the middle of the right-of-way that is adjacent to purchase at private sale the street right-of-way the adjacent property owner across the street may purchase that portion of the street right-of-way.

(Ord. No. 244, 3-19-02)



**Instrument number-----**

**An Ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs**

**To Amend the 2024 Budget (Instrument 2023-005, Section IV, Lines 21 to 24)**

Whereas the Town of Abita Springs financial status has been brought into question by the large theft of funds and

Whereas the unnoticed misuse of the town finances has occurred for a for lengthy period of time and

Whereas current wording allows for movement of large sums allowing for questionable need should be adjusted to allow closer attention to expenditures.

Be it resolved that the wording of Instrument 2023-005, Section IV stating: “The Mayor may authorize transfer between line items of expenditures within the function or department, provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget. Other budget adjustments shall only be authorized by the Mayor and the Council as a whole provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget.” **Should read**, The Mayor may authorize transfer between line items of expenditures within a function (item) or department, provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget. The Council shall be notified in writing by the Mayor for approval of the Council of aforesaid transfers exceeding 5% of the total department budget.

Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Boudreaux .

This resolution was adopted on a motion of ----- seconded by-----on this ---- day of April 2024.

Vote was:

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:



**Instrument 2023-005**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING  
JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, State of Louisiana, in general session convened that:**

Section I. The attached estimate of revenues for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an operating budget of revenues for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

Section II. The attached estimates of the expenditures for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, serve as a budget of expenditures for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

Section III. The adoption of this operating budget of expenditures be and this hereby to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section IV. The Mayor may authorize transfers between line items of expenditures within the function or department, provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget. Other budget adjustments shall only be authorized by the Mayor and the Council as a whole provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget.

	<b>2024</b>	
<b>Section V. General Fund</b>		
General Fund Revenue	<del>-\$2,057,800.00</del>	\$2,095,900.00
Grant Income	<del>-\$1,453,200.00</del>	\$1,390,200.00
General Obligation Bond Fund Balance	<u>\$250,000.00</u>	
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<del><b>\$3,761,000.00</b></del>	<b>\$3,736,100.00</b>
<b>Section VI. General Fund</b>		
General Fund Expenditures	<del>-\$1,244,100.00</del>	\$1,179,200.00
Grant Expenditures	\$1,633,900.00	
Special Projects	<del>-\$460,000.00</del>	\$500,000.00
ARP Fund Balance	<u>\$423,000.00</u>	
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<del><b>\$3,761,000.00</b></del>	<b>\$3,736,100.00</b>
<b>Section VII. Utility Fund</b>		
Utility Fund Revenue	\$2,217,700.00	
Transfer Revenue from General Fund	\$423,000.00	
DEQ Loan Proceeds	\$500,000.00	
ARP Fund Balance	<u>\$995,000.00</u>	
<b>Utility Fund Income</b>	<b>\$4,135,700.00</b>	
<b>Section VIII. Utility Fund</b>		
Utility Fund Expenditures	\$1,625,700.00	
Sewer Plant Connection Project	\$1,495,000.00	
Utility Fund Debt Service Expenditures	\$821,600.00	
Depreciation	<u>\$193,400.00</u>	
<b>Total Utility Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,135,700.00</b>	
<b>Section IX. Cemetery Fund</b>		
Cemetery Revenue	<u>\$40,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Cemetery Income</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	

58	<b>Section X. Cemetery Fund</b>		
59	Cemetery Expenditures	<u>\$40,000.00</u>	
60	<b>Total Cemetery Expenditures</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	
61			
62	<b>Section XI. Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		
63	Parks & Recreation Fund Revenue	<del>-\$127,100.00</del>	\$132,100.00
64	2 mil Ad Valorem Revenue	<u>\$49,800.00</u>	\$47,500.00
65	<b>Total Parks and Recreation Income</b>	<del>-\$176,900.00</del>	<b>\$179,600.00</b>
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68	<b>Section XII. Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		
69	Parks and Recreation Expenditures	<del>-\$176,900.00</del>	\$179,600.00
70	<b>Total Parks and Recreation Expenditures</b>	<del>-\$176,900.00</del>	<b>\$179,600.00</b>
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72	<b>Section XIII. Lighting Fund</b>		
73	1 mil Ad Valorem Revenue	\$26,300.00	
74	Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$7,200.00</u>	
75	<b>Total Lighting Income</b>	<b>\$33,500.00</b>	
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77	<b>Section XIV. Lighting Fund</b>		
78	Lighting Fund Expenditures	<u>\$33,500.00</u>	
79	<b>Total Lighting Expenditures</b>	<b>\$33,500.00</b>	
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81	<b>Section XV. Shared Sales Tax Fund</b>		
82	Shared Sales Tax Revenue	\$400,000.00	
83	STP Burvant Funds	\$300,000.00	
84	GOB Fund Balance	\$250,000.00	
85	SST Revenue	<u>\$209,000.00</u>	
86	<b>Total Shared Sales Tax Income</b>	<b>\$1,159,000.00</b>	
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88	<b>Section XVI. Shared Sales Tax Fund</b>		
89	Shared Sales Tax Expenditures	\$271,500.00	
90	Level & Burvant Project	\$840,000.00	
91	Shared Sales Tax Debt Service	<u>\$47,500.00</u>	
92	<b>Total Shared Sales Tax Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,159,000.00</b>	
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94	<b>Section VII. Public Works Fund</b>		
95	Public Works <del>Expenditures</del> <b>Sales Tax Revenue</b>	<del>-\$583,300.00</del>	\$560,000.00
96	Public Works <del>Debt Service</del> <b>Revenue Other</b>	<del>-\$8,500.00</del>	\$31,800.00
97	<b>Total Public Work Expenditures</b>	<b>\$591,800.00</b>	
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99	<b>Section VIII. Public Works Fund</b>		
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104 **THIS ORDINANCE was introduced by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Saussy, on**  
105 **this 21st day of November, 2023.**

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107 **THIS ORDINANCE was adopted on motion of Alderman \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Alderman**  
108 **\_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 202\_.**

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110 AYES:  
111 NAYS:  
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118 Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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118 Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor

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ORDINANCE #540

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING  
JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, State of Louisiana, in general session convened that:

Section I. The attached estimate of revenues for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an operating budget of revenues for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

Section II. The attached estimates of the expenditures for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, serve as a budget of expenditures for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

Section III. The adoption of this operating budget of expenditures be and this hereby to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section IV. The Mayor may authorize transfers between line items of expenditures within the function or department, provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget. Other budget adjustments shall only be authorized by the Mayor and the Council as a whole provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget.

<b>Section V. General Fund</b>	<b>2024</b>
General Fund Revenue	\$2,095,900.00
Grant Income	\$1,390,200.00
General Obligation Bond Fund Balance	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$3,736,100.00</b>

<b>Section VI. General Fund</b>	
General Fund Expenditures	\$1,179,200.00
Grant Expenditures	\$1,633,900.00
Special Projects	\$500,000.00
ARP Fund Balance	<u>\$423,000.00</u>
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,736,100.00</b>

<b>Section VII. Utility Fund</b>	
Utility Fund Revenue	\$2,217,700.00
Transfer Revenue from General Fund	\$423,000.00
DEQ Loan Proceeds	\$500,000.00
ARP Fund Balance	<u>\$995,000.00</u>
<b>Utility Fund Income</b>	<b>\$4,135,700.00</b>

<b>Section VIII. Utility Fund</b>	
Utility Fund Expenditures	\$1,625,700.00
Sewer Plant Connection Project	\$1,495,000.00
Utility Fund Debt Service Expenditures	\$821,600.00
Depreciation	<u>\$193,400.00</u>
<b>Total Utility Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,135,700.00</b>

<b>Section IX. Cemetery Fund</b>	
Cemetery Revenue	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
<b>Total Cemetery Income</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>

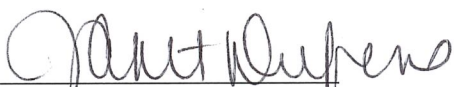


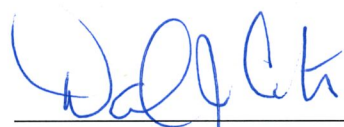
57	<b>Section X. Cemetery Fund</b>	
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59	<b>Total Cemetery Expenditures</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
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61	<b>Section XI. Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	
62	Parks & Recreation Fund Revenue	\$132,100.00
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108 AYES:3, Aldermen Patterson Saussy, and Templet  
109 NAYS: 1, Alderman Boudreaux  
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116 Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor